



TENNESSEE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS (800) 778-4123, ext. 532-4384 or (615) 532-4384

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS A SURGICAL ASSISTANT

Provided below is a checklist for your personal use and convenience containing all items that must be completed before your application for a Tennessee Surgical Assistant registration will be considered.

ALL APPLICATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

1.	Complete and mail application pages 1 through 6. You MUST include Attachment 1 and it must be properly executed . Do not leave any questions or prompts blank.	
2.	If you are seeking registration pursuant to the certification pathway, you will need to provide proof of certification.	
3.	If you are seeking registration pursuant to the training pathway, please complete the top portion of Attachment 2 and submit the form to your training program's administrative office for further completion.	
	This document should be submitted directly to the Board's administrative office from your training program's administrative office.	
4.	Complete and mail Attachment 3 to each state, country, or province in which you hold or have ever held a license to practice any medical profession.	
5.	If you are seeking registration pursuant to the experience pathway, please have your supervising physician, who has observed you in the surgical setting between January 1, 2017 and June 30, 2017, and	
	can attest to your skills and knowledge, complete Attachment 4 . This letter should be sent directly to the Board's administrative office from your supervising physician.	
6.	Submit proof of citizenship in the United States or Canada or evidence of being legally entitled to live or work in the United States. (Notarized copies of birth certificates, naturalization papers, H-1 visas, or current passports are acceptable.) License will not be issued to holders of J-1 Training Visa.	
7.	A criminal background check is required. For instructions to obtain a criminal background check, go to http://tn.gov/health/article/CBC-instructions	
	At this time, no fees for registration are due; however, you will be required to submit a biennial renewal fee in future renewal cycles.	

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UNDERSTANDING THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1. All application fees are non-refundable. Accordingly, please familiarize yourself with the laws, rules and requirements for licensure prior to submitting your application.
- 2. All documents and fees required to be submitted by you or which must be requested from the appropriate institutions in this application process must be mailed directly to:

Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners 665 Mainstream Drive Nashville, TN 37243 (37228 for courier service only)

- 3. **Allow fourteen (14) working days** for information mailed to our office to be received and placed in your file. Federal Express or special courier services will not appreciably reduce the processing time. Additionally, if Federal Express or special courier services are used, <u>you will be responsible</u> for charges incurred. The Board's Administrative Office asks that you please give the Board office every consideration in this matter.
- 4. If necessary documentation has not been received when your application has been received by the Board office, an initial deficiency letter will be sent to you. The supporting documentation requested in the letter must be received in the Board office ninety (90) days from the date of the initial deficiency letter. (Files not completed within ninety (90) days may be closed.)
- 6. If an address change occurs at any time during the application process, you <u>must</u> notify the Board office, in writing, immediately.
- 7. You have the option to receive all correspondence from the Department of Health electronically. Should you "opt in," you will no longer receive physical mail from this office. Opting in does not discharge your obligation to provide the Department with a current physical address and email address. You are required by statute and rule to notify the Department of an address change within thirty (30) days of any such change.
- 9. All documents which are provided to this office in conjunction with your application to register as a surgical assistant becomes part of the public record and must be released pursuant to a public records request.

Thank you for your cooperation. We will make every effort to process your application in an efficient manner.



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READ INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO COMPLETING APPLICATION. APPLICANTS MUST COMPLY WITH ALL INSTRUCTIONS. FILL IN ALL BLANKS; IF NOT APPLICABLE, USE N/A

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name as it will appear on license:	/ First)		/M:-Idlo)		(1 004)
Have you been known by any other name		If yes, list names:	(Middle)		(Last)
Date of Birth: Mo Day Yr		Social Security N	umber:		
Are you a U.S. Citizen? Y N Gende	er: M F	Race:			
Are you entitled to Live and Work in U.S.	? Y N				
Are you a member of the U.S. armed received any discharge other than a dish reserve component of the armed forces?	onorable di	ischarge from the a	armed forces, or bee	en released from a	
Are you the spouse of a member of the within the preceding 180 days, retired from the armed forces or been released of same.)	om the arm	ned forces, receive	ed a discharge other	r than a dishonor	able discharge
Current Mailing Address:			Home Phone:	()	
			Work Phone:	()	
Email address:					
Do you wish to receive notification, include Please note, by opting in, all correspoon file for you. You will no longer receive.	ndence fro	om the Departmen	nt of Health will be		

QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION

In order to qualify for registration, you must qualify under one of the experience):	e following pathways (certification, training or
CERTIFICATION F	PATHWAY
I am currently certified by the:	
☐ National Surgical Assistant Association C	ertification No.:
\square National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting	Certification No.:
☐ National Commission for Certification of Surgical Assistants	Certification No.:
TRAINING PAT	'HWAY
☐ I successfully completed a surgical assistant training program a United States.	as a member of a branch of the armed forces of the
If you make this selection, appropriate proof of your trainir (Appropriate proof includes transcripts or diplomas.)	ng must accompany this application.
Name of Training Program	From: To: MM/YY MM/YY
Street Address	
City, State	
EXPERIENCE PA	ATHWAY
\square I practiced as a surgical assistant between January 1, 2017 and	·
Practice Location	To: MM/YY MM/YY
Supervising Physician	
Street Address	
City, State	

PRACTICE AND LICENSURE INFORMATION

							YES NO
Are you o		u ever been licens	sed, registered or cert	ified to practi	ce as a surgica	l assistant in	
Are you	or have yo	u ever been licens	sed in any other profe	ssion in Tenn	nessee or anoth	ner state?	
		, countries or prov s page if you need	inces in which you havadditional space.	ve ever been o	or currently are	licensed, permitted o	or certified.
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COMPETENCY INFORMATION

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. If you answer "yes" to any of the questions in this part, you must supplement your affirmative response with a thorough explanation on a separate page. IN SUPPORT OF YOUR EXPLANATION, THE FINAL DOCUMENTS OR ORDERS FROM THE ISSUING STATES, COURTS, AND/OR AGENCIES MUST BE SUBMITTED ALONG WITH THIS APPLICATION. Additional information may be requested and/or required before a licensure decision may be made.

For the purposes of these questions, the following phrases or words have the following meanings:

- 1. "Ability to practice your profession" is to be construed to include all of the following:
 - a. The cognitive capacity to make appropriate clinical diagnoses, exercise reasoned medical judgments, to learn, and keep abreast of medical developments;
 - b. The ability to communicate those judgments and medical information to patients and other health care providers, with or without the use of aids or devices, such as voice amplifiers; and
 - c. The physical capability to perform professional tasks and procedures required of your profession, with or without the use of aids or devices, such as corrective lenses or hearing aids.
- 2. "Medical Condition" includes physiological, mental or psychological conditions including, but not limited to: orthopedic, visual, speech and/or hearing impairments, emotional or mental illness, specific learning disabilities, drug addiction, and alcoholism.
- 3. "Minor Traffic Offense" generally means moving and non-moving violations punishable by fines only and does not include offenses such as driving under the influence or while intoxicated or reckless driving.
- 4. "Chemical substances" is to be construed to include alcohol, drugs, or medications, including those taken pursuant to a valid prescription for legitimate medical purposes and in accordance with the prescriber's direction, as well as those used illegally.
- 5. "Currently" does not mean on the day of or even in the weeks or months preceding the completion of this application. Rather it means recently enough so that the use of drugs or alcohol may have an ongoing impact on one's functioning as a licensee or within the past two (2) years.
- 6. "Illegal use of illicit or controlled substances" means the use of substances obtained illegally (e.g., heroin or cocaine) as well as the use of controlled substances that are not obtained pursuant to a valid prescription or not taken in accordance with the directions of a licensed health care practitioner.

	FIONS: Please respond to ALL questions. If you answer "YES" to any question, attach a written explanation.	YES	NO
1.	Do you currently have any physical or psychological limitations or impairments caused by an existing medical condition which are reduced or ameliorated by ongoing treatment or monitoring, or the field of practice, the setting or the manner in which you have chosen to practice?		
2.	Do you currently use any chemical substances which in any way impair or limit your ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety?		
	If so, please list:		
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[If you receive such ongoing treatment or participate in such a monitoring program, the Board will make an individual assessment of the nature, the severity, and the duration of the risks associated with an ongoing medical condition so as to determine whether an unrestricted license should be issued, whether conditions should be imposed, or whether you are not eligible for licensure.]

COMPETENCY INFORMATION, CONTINUED

		YES	NO
3.	At any time within the past two years, have you engaged in the illegal use of illicit or controlled substances?		
4.	Are you currently participating in a supervised rehabilitation program or professional assistance program that monitors you to assure that you do not consume alcohol and/or do not engage in the illegal use of illicit or controlled substances?		
5.	Have you ever been diagnosed as having or have you ever been treated for pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism or other diagnosis of a predatory nature?		
6.	Have you ever held or applied for a license or certificate to practice as a surgical assistant in any state, country, or province, that has been or was ever denied, reprimanded, suspended, restricted, revoked, otherwise disciplined, curtailed, or voluntarily surrendered under threat of investigation or disciplinary action?		
7.	Have you ever been convicted (including a nolo contendere plea or guilty plea) of a felony or misdemeanor (other than a minor traffic offense) whether or not sentence was imposed or suspended?		
8.	In relation to the performance of your professional services in any profession:		
	a. Have you ever had a final judgment rendered against you;		
	b. Have you ever entered into any settlement of any legal action; or		
	c. Are there any legal actions pending against you or to which you are a party?		
9.	Have you ever held a license or certificate in any health care profession that has ever been reprimanded, suspended, restricted, revoked, otherwise disciplined, curtailed, or voluntarily surrendered under threat of investigation or disciplinary action?		
10.	My name has been placed on the registry of persons who have abused, neglected or misappropriated the property of vulnerable individuals (Tennessee abuse registry or an abuse registry in another state).		

Affirmative response <u>requires</u> final documents or orders from the issuing states, courts, and/or agencies.

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RELEASE to the Board, its staff, and their representatives, any and all document to establish my physical and mental capabilities to safely practice my	
AUTHORIZE the Board, its staff, and their representatives to consult with others who may have information bearing on my professional compete qualifications, ability to work cooperatively with others, and/or other qualific	ence, character, health status, ethical
RELEASE from liability the Board, its staff, and all their representatives provide information for their acts performed and statements made in good my competence, ethics, character, and/or other qualifications for licensure	od faith and without malice concerning
ACKNOWLEDGE that I, as an applicant for licensure, have the burden information for a proper evaluation of my professional, ethical, other quali about such qualifications.	
AUTHORIZE release, use and disclosure of otherwise HIPAA-protected Inecessary for my application to receive full consideration up to and includithat become necessary.	
THIS CERTIFIES THAT THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY ME IN THIS APP TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.	LICATION IS TRUE AND COMPLETE
SIGNATURE	DATE



STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HEALTH RELATED BOARDS 665 MAINSTREAM DRIVE NASHVILLE, TN 37243

DECLARATION OF CITIZENSHIP OR ALIEN STATUS MUST ACCOMPANY ALL APPLICATIONS FOR INITIAL LICENSURE OR REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSURE

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-58-101 et seq, the Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act (also known as the "SAVE Act") requires the Tennessee Department of Health (including all Boards, Commissions, and contractors), along with every local health department in the State, to verify that *every <u>adult</u>* applicant for a professional license is either a U.S. citizen, a "qualified alien," or a nonimmigrant who meets the requirements set out at 8 U.S.C. 1621.

	nearthcare Profession (Please Print) License number if applicable
	Please Print Legibly
1.	Name:
	Last First Middle Maiden
2.	Mailing Address:
3.	Phone Number: Home: () Office: () Fax: ()
4.	I am a United States Citizen:YesNo
5.	I am a foreign national not physically present in the United StatesYesNo. If you answered yes, to this question please sign this form in the presence of a notary and return it with your application. No further documentation is required.
6.	Applicants Claiming United States Citizenship MUST provide one of the following:
	 a) Tennessee Driver's License, or photo ID issued by the Tennessee Department of Safety. b) A valid driver license or ID issued by another state, provided its issuance requirements meet Tennessee Department of Safety criteria. c) An official birth certificate issued by a U.S. state, territory, or other jurisdiction. Puerto Rican birth certificates issued before July 1, 2010 do not qualify. d) A federally issued birth certificate. e) A valid, unexpired U.S. passport. f) A report of birth abroad of a U.S. citizen. g) A certificate of citizenship. h) A certificate of naturalization. i) A U.S. citizen ID card. j) Any successor document to #'s e-i above. k) An SSN that is verifiable with the Social Security Administration in accordance with federal law.
7.	 If you checked "No" in question 4 please indicate from the list below which category applies to you: (circle one) a) Permanent Resident b) A nonimmigrant applicant for a professional or commercial license whose visa for entry into the United States is related to such employment, or a nonimmigrant under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.). c) Asylees who meet the qualifications set out in 8 U.S.C. 1158 d) Refugees who meet the qualifications set out in 8 U.S.C. 1157

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- e) Persons who have been "paroled into the United States," under 8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5) or whose deportation has been withheld under 8 U.S.C. 1253.
- Cuban or Haitian entrants as defined by section 501(e) of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980
- g) Persons granted conditional entry into the U.S. under 8 U.S.C. 1153(a)(7) before April 1, 1980, because of persecution or fear of persecution on account of race, religion, or political opinion or because of being uprooted by catastrophic national calamity.
- h) An alien who has been "battered" or subjected to "extreme cruelty" by a parent or spouse as defined by 8 U.S.C. 1641(c), and also meets the qualifications set out 8 U.S.C. 1641(c)(1)(B). Under the circumstances set out in 8 U.S.C. 1641(c)(2) and (3), victims' children, or the parents of children who are victims, may also apply for benefits as qualified aliens.

Applicants claiming **qualified alien status** (question 7 above), please submit two of the following forms of "documentation of identity and immigration status" as determined by U.S. Homeland Security to be acceptable for verification through the SAVE program. Common types of documents used to verify immigration status are listed below. (Note: If you can provide only one document, your status will be verified through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's SAVE program):

327 (Reentry Permit)
551 (Permanent Resident Card or "Green Card")
771 (Refugee Travel Document)
766 (Employment Authorization Card)
achine Readable Immigrant Visa (with Temporary I-551 language)
emporary I-551 stamp (on passport or I-94)
94 (Arrival/Departure record)
nexpired foreign passport
T/WB Admission Stamp in unexpired foreign passport
20 (Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant F(1) student status— "student visa")
S2019 (Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status)
affirm under the penalty of perjury that the above is true and correct. gned this day of, 20
Signature
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y Commission Expires:
an applicant is discovered to be an unqualified alien, or otherwise ineligible for benefits under the Act, all recurring benefits provided that applicant must be immediately terminated. Anyone who purposefully makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim of U.S. izenship or qualified alien status will be liable under the Tennessee Medicaid False Claims Act, or Tennessee's False Claims Act. Any reson who conspires to defraud the state or any local health department by securing a false claim allowed or paid to another person violation of the Act may be liable under Tennessee's False Claims Act. Upon discovery of an applicant's false, fictitious, or fraudulent

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claim of citizenship or alien status, state governmental entities and local health departments must also file a criminal complaint with

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ATTACHMENT 2 - OPTIONAL (This form is only required if you are seeking registration pursuant to the training pathway)



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VERIFICATION OF TRAINING COMPLETED DURING YOUR SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF A BRANCH OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES

APPLICANT: Provide the information requested in the top box and then mail this form to each institution in which you received training. If additional forms are required, copy this one.

	on: I am applying for regist information in your files con			
Applicant's name: _	(Last)	(First)	/b.43	(alala /Mai ala a)
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Name of Training Prog	ıram			
Street Address				
City, State				
Applicant's Signature	e			

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THIS PORTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE TRAINING PROGRAM'S ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE Please complete (including questions) and return to: **State of Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners** 665 Mainstream Drive Nashville, TN 37243 **CIRCLE ONE** Is your training program sponsored, organized or administered by a branch of the armed forces of Yes No the United States? Were there any adverse actions taken against the applicant during the training? Yes No If yes, please attach supporting information and/or documentation. Would you recommend the applicant for licensure? Yes No _____ to _____. I certify that the information on this form is true (MM/YY) The applicant attended the program from and correct. Program Director's/Dean's Signature Date Subscribed and sworn before me this the _____ day of ______, ____ **Notary Public** (Affix Seal Here) My Commission Expires:

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ATTACHMENT 3 (OPTIONAL: This form is only required if you currently or have ever held a license to practice a medical profession in another state)



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VERIFICATION OF OTHER STATE LICENSE/CERTIFICATE/REGISTRATION

APPLICANT: Please provide the information requested in the top box and then mail one form to the licensure board in EACH state where you hold OR HAVE EVER HELD a license to practice any medical profession. (You may copy this form.) **NOTE:** Some states require a fee to process verification of licensure information.

I, the undersigned applican	t, was granted a (circ l	le one) license/certifi	cate/registration to praction	ce
numbered	on	in the State of		(Profession)
	niners of Tennessee re	equests that I submit	evidence of the current st	tatus of that license in your state. directly to the Tennessee Board of
Date:			Applicant's Signature Applicant's typed or prin	nted name
Name In Full As it Appears (First)	-	_	ffice of State Licensure	Board (Last)
License/Certificate/Permit N	Number:		Profession:	
Is the license currently active is there any derogatory info (If yes, please attach support	rmation on file?	Yes Yes	No No	
Authorized Signature		Title		Date
Please mail directly to:	665 Mainstrea	ım Drive	cal Assistants Registry	
	Nashville, TN	37243		

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ATTACHMENT 4 (OPTIONAL: This form is only required if you are seeking registration pursuant to the experience pathway)



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AFFIDAVIT OF SKILLS

APPLICANT: Please provide this form to a physician who supervised you in a surgical setting between January 1, 2017 and June 30, 2017 and observed you performing functions as a Surgical Assistant. This affidavit should be submitted to the Board's administrative office directly from your supervising physician.

I,(Supervising Physician)		, (MD/DO),
of	(State)	
being duly sworn, confirm that I have supervised in a surgical setting between January 1, 2017 and June 30, 20 Subscribed and sworn before me this the day of		
Notary Public My Commission Expires:	(Affix Seal Here)	

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